

24 February 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Strike Action – School Provision – Thursday 2 March**

Further industrial action is planned for 2 March 2023 by teachers who are members of the National Education Union. Based on the numbers of staff who went on strike on 1 February 2023 and on the number of other staff who were unable to come in due to their child/(ren)'s schools having to close, we are unable to open fully to all students. Below outlines what we will be able to provide, taking into account our restricted capacity, and explains what all students should be doing on this day:

#### **Year 11**

Year 11 students will be invited in to attend subject specific sessions to further prepare them for their GCSE exams. Further details of the sessions and of who is invited to each session will follow early next week. It is possible that your child will not be invited in for the full day. When not in school to attend the sessions, students should undertake independent learning at home.

Students should wear their normal school uniform when in school and can choose to either bring in a packed lunch or to purchase a lunch at school. Snacks will be available at break time as usual.

#### **Year 10**

We will be inviting in some of the Year 10 students to attend a revision session for RE. Further details will follow early next week. When not in school to attend the session, students should undertake independent learning at home.

#### **Years 7-9**

Unless your child qualifies for a space at our pop-up provision (see below), students in years 7 to 9 will be asked to stay at home. Suggested resources for independent study will follow in a separate email.

Any child eligible to free school meals who has been asked to stay at home will be able to collect a packed lunch at the end of the day on 1 March 2023. We will only provide a packed lunch if this is pre-ordered using the form [here](#) and this can be collected from main reception at 3:10pm.

Please use the same form if your child does not have access to IT at home and you would like to request the use of a chrome book for the day to access independent study resources. Once confirmed, chrome books will be available for collection from main reception at 3:10pm on 1 March 2023 and must be returned to main reception on 3 March 2023.

#### **Pop-up provision**

A pop-up provision will be provided for our vulnerable students and the children of *some* critical workers.

If you feel that your child may be eligible for a space at the pop-up provision **and** you intend to send your child to school on 2 March 2023, please refer to the form [here](#) for further guidance and to request a space. We will be unable to accept students on the day if they have not been pre-registered and if confirmation of your child's space has not been received.

On 2 March, these students should attend school in full school uniform, enter through the PE entrance and congregate in the sports hall for 8:30am. Students will be taken to a computer room and will be supervised while completing independent study from a list of suggested resources. Students attending the pop-up provision will be able to bring in a packed lunch or will be able to purchase a lunch from the canteen. Normal free school meal eligibility will apply.

Thank you, again, for your patience and understanding in this matter. **Please note that all requests for packed lunches, spaces in the pop-up provision and the loan of a chrome book must be received by 9:00am on Tuesday 28 February.**

Further industrial action is planned for 15-16 March, we will be in touch with you as soon as possible to share details of the arrangements for those days.

Yours sincerely



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